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**SAC Chairman and Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing responds to US President Donald Trump on reduced tariff rates for Myanmar**

**US** President Donald Trump sent letters regarding the increased import tariffs to 14 countries, namely Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Kazakhstan, Tunisia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, South Africa, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Serbia, Cambodia, Thailand, and Laos, including Myanmar, on 7 July.

Regarding the letter, State Administration Council Chairman and Prime Minister of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing sent a reply to US President Donald Trump on 9 July.

The Senior General responded that he has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the President’s letter dated 7 July 2025. The Senior General acknowledged the President’s strong leadership in guiding his country towards national prosperity with the spirit of a true patriot, as well as continued efforts to promote peace on the global stage. The Senior General expressed his sincere appreciation for this encouraging invitation to continue participating in the extraordinary Economy of the United States, the Number One Market in the World.

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State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing addresses the meeting with district and township-level departmental officials, local elders, and MSME businesspeople from Meiktila District in Mandalay Region yesterday.

**S**tate Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met district and township-level departmental officials, local elders and MSME entrepreneurs from Meiktila District in Mandalay Region at the Kandaw Mingala Hall in Meiktila yesterday morning and discussed regional development.

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To help green the Meiktila area and reduce heat, green zones should be established in every region, ward, and village by planting at least two acres of trees in each, as tree-planting is essential for improving the weather and creating a cooler environment.



# NATIONAL

## Peace and stability highlighted as foundation for national development and public welfare

- ❖ The foundation of a country’s development lies in stability and the absence of armed conflicts.
- ❖ Only then will infrastructure be developed, and trade in goods improve.
- ❖ Similarly, it will be able to address the education, health, and social needs of the local population.

*(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the ceremony to confer military gallantry honorary medals on 4 January 2025)*

## Myanmar calls on International Community to recognize and respect Myanmar-owned and Myanmar-led process

DURING the 59<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council, discussions on Myanmar were held without the participation of the country concerned. The Council subsequently adopted a resolution on Myanmar, based on distorted information that differs from the actual situation on the ground.

Following the devastating Mandalay earthquake on 28 March 2025, Myanmar has been mobilizing all available resources to reconstruction efforts. Concurrently, the Government remains committed to maintaining peace, stability, and security while advancing devel-

opment and the democratic transition. Election is the cornerstone of this democratic process. Myanmar reaffirms its commitment to conduct free and fair general elections. To further support peace and democratization, the Government has extended an invitation to the armed groups to return to the legal fold and to take part in the political process.

At present, inclusive economic forums and peace forums are being actively convened. These initiatives bring relevant stakeholders to identify optimal strategies for ensuring peace, stability, development and national reconcilia-

tion — as clearly evidenced by on-going process on the ground.

Despite these efforts, it is disappointing that the United Nations has not acknowledged the positive measures undertaken by Myanmar. These actions contradict the United Nations’ principles of fairness, impartiality, respect for the rights of member states and transparency.

Rather than focusing on resolving global conflicts, natural disasters, pandemic-related issues, security, and development, and UN’s country-specific actions undermine the trust of its

member states in the organization.

As a Member State, Myanmar remains committed to the fundamental principles of the UN Charter. At the same time, Myanmar calls upon the international community to recognize and support its sovereign rights to address national affairs through a Myanmar-owned and Myanmar-led process, in line with the preservation of its sovereignty and territorial integrity.

*Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Nay Pyi Taw  
10 July 2025*

## Appointment of Algerian Ambassador agreed on

THE Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the proposed appointment of Mr Azeddine BECHKA as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in Hanoi.

Mr Azeddine BECHKA was born on 6 December 1975. He obtained a Bachelor’s degree in Management and Economics, a Bachelor’s degree in English, a Master’s degree in Human Resource Management from the University of Batna, Algeria and

a PhD in Management, specializing in skill planning and human resources strategy from El Manar University in Tunis, Tunisia.

He served at the Batna Customs Directorate from 1997 to 2014. He then served in various diplomatic positions at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Algerian Embassy in Tunisia from 2015 to April 2025. Since April 2025, he has been serving as the Ambassador of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

He is married with three children. — MNA

## Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission Announcement 2/2025

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### Granting of registration of New Chinland Congress (NCC) as a political party

THE New Chinland Congress (NCC), which has opened its temporary party headquarters at 459, Padonma Road, Shwe Kyabin Ward, Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw has been granted registration as a political party under Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law, effective from 10 July 2025.

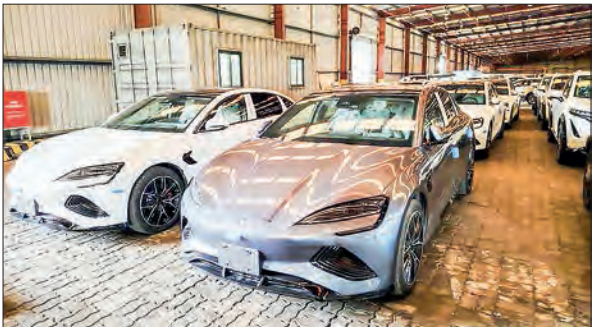
The registration number of the New Chinland Congress (NCC) is 57.

Sd/ Ko Ko  
Chairman  
Union Election Commission

## Electric vehicles arrive at Yangon Port

ELECTRIC vehicles have been imported into Myanmar with the approval of the Steering Committee on National-Level Development for Electric Vehicles and Related Industries.

Among them are China-made BYD Seal electric vehicles, imported by Earth Renewable Co Ltd, which arrived at Yangon Port and have been officially cleared per the relevant rules and regulations. — MNA/MKKS



This image showcases imported EVs at Yangon Port.

## Gold Market Rate as of 10 July 2025

THE price of one tical (16.329325 grammes) of gold with density of 19.25 grammes per cubic centimetre and above is K5,890,000, as established by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee.

# NATIONAL

## Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

ARMED terrorists have been launching attacks by using residential homes and administrative buildings in towns and villages as cover, where they have forcibly settled. They aim to shield themselves from Tatmadaw counterattacks while also persuading temporarily displaced persons to return to their native areas and recruiting new members. That enables terrorists to use civilians as human shields. Tatmadaw is committed to safeguarding the sovereignty of the State and will respond to these threats based on intelligence and prevailing conditions. Therefore, residents in areas where terrorists have taken control must prioritize their safety and protect themselves from being exploited by these groups.

*(An excerpt from guidance given by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to Shan State cabinet members and state-level departmental officials on 3 September 2024)*

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The Senior General continued that he was truly grateful for the reduction of the original tariffs imposed on Myanmar's Commodities from 44 per cent to 40 per cent. Myanmar has enjoyed a long-standing history of friendly relations and firm trade commitments with the United States. Myanmar has continued to make efforts to strengthen and deepen the bilateral trade relations between the two countries.

The reply mentioned that the Senior General deeply acknowledged the President's distinguished efforts to advance his country's interest in addressing the trade deficits resulting from the imbalance of trade between the United States and Myanmar.

The Senior General added that to begin with, in furtherance of maintaining a balanced and mutually beneficial trade between Myanmar and the United States, he would like to propose to reduce the current tariff rates to the range from 10 per cent to 20 per cent for the exports of Myanmar to the United States and reciprocally apply the tariff rates ranging between zero per cent and 10 per cent on the United States' exports to Myanmar. If needed, a high-level negotiation team will be despatched as quickly as possible to the US to discuss with the relevant authorities.

The Senior General explained that Myanmar remains one of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) to this day. Additionally, over the past five years, Myanmar has faced a series of unprecedented challenges, ranging from the overall impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic to natural disasters, including Cyclone Mocha, Typhoon Yagi and the powerful 7.7-magnitude Mandalay earthquake. At the same time, the government and the people are navigating significant challenges.

The Senior General continued that he would like to take this opportunity to share with the President the efforts made by his government and the people of Myanmar in response to the current situation in Myanmar. Similar to the challenges the President encountered during the 2020 election of the United States, Myanmar also experienced major electoral fraud and significant irregularities. Despite multiple attempts by some political parties and the Tatmadaw to address these concerns, the then-ruling party and the former Union Election Commission (UEC) not only dismissed these requests but also failed to resolve the issues. The attempt to unlawfully seize State power based on results arising

from electoral fraud reflects a lack of justice. Amid growing confidence in the efforts of the political parties to demonstrate that the electoral outcome was compromised by the electoral malpractices, the Tatmadaw temporarily assumed the State's responsibilities under the Constitution. Subsequently, fabricated narratives circulated by certain news agencies then distorted the situation, shaping and leaving a negative image and perception of Myanmar's ongoing political developments within the international community.

The reply stated that following Tatmadaw's assumption of the State's responsibilities, a new Union Election Commission was reconstituted. The investigation uncovered 11.3 million cases of voting fraud, accounting for 29.54 per cent of the total votes nationwide. Based on the testimonies from individuals involved in the electoral malpractices, the UEC Chairman and members had been subsequently found guilty, and appropriate legal actions were taken. They acknowledged the courts' decisions and complied with the resulting punishments. Having completed their sentences, they have now been released. In addition, the reconstitution of the UEC and the investigation into electoral fraudulence were also accepted as just and fair by legally registered political parties and the public.

The Senior General added that he sincerely appreciated the President's efforts aimed at promoting global peace, in regulating broadcasting agencies and funds, which have sometimes exacerbated the existing conflicts. Assessments influenced by one-sided misinformation and distorted narratives ultimately led to the imposition of economic sanctions on Myanmar. So, he hereby respectfully requests the President to reconsider easing and lifting the economic sanctions imposed on Myanmar, as they hinder the shared interests and prosperity of both countries and their peoples.

The reply mentioned that Myanmar has consistently upheld the tradition of peaceful coexistence with other nations and remains committed to maintaining good relations with all countries. Similarly, Myanmar has no dispute with any other countries, including the United States.

It also said that Myanmar and the United States can enhance the existing bilateral trade relations by balancing tariffs and removing barriers, as the President proposed. With best regards, he wished the President and the people of the United States good health, prosperity and every success in future endeavours. — MNA/TTA

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# NATIONAL

## Key farmlands vital for economy, food security must be spared from urban expansion



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing looks into the exhibits produced and displayed by MSMEs from Meiktila District, Mandalay Region.

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Before the meeting, the Senior General heard the reports made by Meiktila District Administrator U Aung Myint Oo and the Mandalay Region Development Minister regarding the implementation as per the guidance of the Senior General during his visit to Meiktila, current agriculture and livestock breeding, rehabilitation and reconstruction processes after the Mandalay earthquake, promotion of education sector, drafting of Meiktila development project, solar-powered plants and power distribution system, comprehensive development of district, water distribution processes, cleanliness, transportation and traffic rules and regulation. Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Myo Aung also presented on the plantation of edible crops and power generation processing using renewable energy, solar.

In his speech, the Senior General noted that no matter which government is in power, people can only enjoy the benefits and progress if they work hard themselves. Therefore, it is important to focus on regional

development and improving the socioeconomic status of the people. For the greening of the Meiktila area, it needs to create green zones in each region, ward and village. Tree-planting is the key to reducing heat and achieving fine weather, and so at least two acres of trees should be planted in each village and ward to help create green zones.

He continued that it should plant trees on both sides of the Yangon-Mandalay Highway and expressway, and replant the trees in places where trees are no longer alive or where trees used to be but were lost for various reasons. Future population growth and basic needs must be carefully considered in detail when drafting urban development projects. For expanding the urban areas, special emphasis should be made not to use the main farmlands, which are important for the country's economy and food security.

He also highlighted the need for the officials to make efforts to generate solar power to district and region levels, conserve the forests, expand cultivation of kitchen crops, work together to ensure learning opportunities for

the school-aged children, other regional development in different sectors like education, health, economy, agriculture and other sectors.

After hearing the reports made by the Union ministers, the Senior General said that proper assistance and guidance are being provided for the development of Meiktila.

There are two main areas for Meiktila development – economic development and social development. Although there are no large factories in the region, MSMEs are being operated. The main economy of the country is based on agriculture and livestock, and it is important to help local people earn an income while strengthening the economy. In order to receive the income, it needs to promote the production, and the department concerned should conduct research for adequate agricultural and livestock products that are needed in the production sector.

The Meiktila University of Economics, Meiktila University, and relevant ministries and departments, along with experts, should work together with locals

and town elders to carry out research for the development of the Meiktila region and apply it practically, and also in other regions.

In many countries around the world, agriculture and livestock are the main focus. However, the country is still facing internal conflicts, political instability and controversy, and the development programmes cannot be carried out successfully to a certain extent. Starting from 2010, the country has been practising a multiparty democratic system, which the entire people desire, and a market-oriented system has also been adopted.

The Senior General stressed that the manufacturing sector should be promoted to strengthen the State economy, and there are still requirements in technology to promote that sector.

In agriculture, the four important factors are “seeds, soil, water, and techniques.” By using these four factors carefully and systematically, the yielding rate per acre will increase, and agricultural products can be produced more successfully.

According to calculations, during the 2023-2024 financial

year, the production of monsoon paddy in Meiktila Township was below the target. The average yield was 62.65 baskets per acre, which is 37.35 baskets less than the target. At that time, the price of one basket of paddy was K22,000, and there was a loss of K10.369 billion as it failed to meet the target. Since the monsoon paddy production did not meet the target in the whole Meiktila district, the total income loss was K79.791 billion. Similarly, for summer paddy production, income was reduced by K4.6 billion due to not meeting the target. In the case of groundnut farming, due to not meeting the production targets, there was a loss of about K46.895 billion. For sesame farming, because the targets were not reached, there was a loss of about K580.48 billion. Including the crops like sunflower and mung beans, the overall shortfall in production per acre in Meiktila district caused a total loss of around K980 billion in agriculture. By looking at these facts, if the agricultural sector achieves the per-acre target, it will greatly help the regional economy.

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# Focus on global leather production techniques

Tatmadaw Leather Factory (Meiktila) has been assigned duties to supply raw leather materials to Tatmadaw and private leather product factories.

Chairman of the State Administration Council, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the commander of Central Command and officials, inspected Tatmadaw Leather Factory (Meiktila) in Meiktila Station yesterday.

The factory manager reported to the Senior General on the accomplishment of the guidance given by the Senior General on his inspection tour in 2019, a brief history of the factory, production capacity of the factory, production of chrome leather, sole leather and goat leather per year, production techniques, and welfare for employees.

In his guidance, the Senior General said that Tatmadaw manages the distribution of clothes and equipment produced by Tatmadaw factories for the convenience of Tatmadaw members, similar to gov-



State Administration Council Chairman Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing looks into the leather material produced by the Tatmadaw Leather Factory (Meiktila).

ernments of the international community.

He continued that Tatmadaw is producing quality products for the clothes of all Tatmadaw members. In this regard, he added that not only raw materials but also products must be qualified.

The Senior General stressed that Tatmadaw Leather Factory (Meiktila) must strive to produce higher quality leather materials without being satisfied with the

current level of products.

He emphasized that the factory needs to supply raw leather materials to Tatmadaw and private leather product factories.

As such, he noted that it is necessary to continuously study the leather production techniques of the international community.

Moreover, the Senior General underlined that efforts must be made for the

production of quality raw leather materials for footwear industries as well as other industries.

The Senior General inspected the functions of relevant sections of the factory and gave necessary guidance to officials.

He viewed round raw leather material produced by the factory and presented cash awards to employees. — MNA/TTA

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The Senior General underlined that the research should be conducted to ensure the quality saplings for agriculture, and the waste materials from the livestock sector can be used as biofertilizer, and water should be utilized systematically.

He mentioned the location of Meiktila, which boasts opportunities to transport the products to different regions, and the need to prioritize local security and export the surplus, aiming to develop the MSME products.

The Senior General continued that it is found that there is

weakness in the education of the Meiktila region, with a low rate of transition into another grade and a low percentage of school attendance. Having well-educated human resources is essential for the development of a region and a nation, and so the education sector is being promoted. As for the Meiktila region, there are enough colleges and universities, and good educational opportunities are available. So, efforts should be made to encourage more educated people to emerge from the region. He also talked about the activities of the government in the health

and sports sectors all over the country.

The Senior General added that it needs to supervise the systematic land use in the region. There are the Farmland Law and laws related to vacant and virgin and all should follow the permissions. The officials should supervise as per the rules and regulations set by the law.

He continued that a free and fair multiparty general election will be held by the end of this year, and preparations are being made for all eligible people to be able to cast their vote. System-

atic preparations are made to ensure a free and fair election, not to allow false entries in voting lists and voting fraud. The international observers will be invited to the election, and some countries have confirmed that to will come.

The Senior General then cordially greeted departmental officials, town elders and MSME businesspeople.

The Senior General and the party visited the Thein Min Chilli Powder factory in Meiktila, and observed the production processes at Solar Dryer Domes.

The Thein Min Chilli Pow-

der factory was established in 1980. As per the guidance of the Head of the State to produce value-added products in the region, the company produces various chilli-related products using the chilli from the region, Ayeyawady Region, Magway Region and Shan State.

It also transports to various regions and states of the country, and shows at the MSME exhibition to expand the market.

The Senior General and the party proceeded to the Miba Myitta rice mill, observed around the mill, and provided proper instructions. — MNA/KTZH



NATIONAL

# SAC Chairman Defence Services C-in-C Senior General Min Aung Hlaing provides support to Tatmadaw patients at Meiktila Tatmadaw Hospital

**S**TATE Administration Council Chairman and Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing yesterday afternoon comforted Tatmadaw members receiving medical treatment for injuries which were sustained in serving defence and security duties of the State, at the Tatmadaw hospital in Meiktila.

In a meeting with those Tatmadaw member patients, the Senior General warmly asked about their injuries sustained in serving the defence and security duties of the State and fulfilled their requirements.

The Senior General presented cash awards and gifts to the Tatmadaw members receiving medical treatment.

At the meeting, the Senior General heard reports by the hospital commandant on the healthcare services given to Tatmadaw members and residents, functioning of special treatment, transplanting and surgical treatments, mobile healthcare services, and general staff, adjutant and quartermaster measures and welfare efforts.

In his guidance, the Senior General stressed the need to provide medical protection and



State Administration Council Chairman Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing offers comfort to Tatmadaw patients at the Tatmadaw Hospital in Meiktila.

healthcare services to Tatmadaw members and their families, as well as people. While serving the mobile healthcare activities, they need to talk about public

health measures and the dangers of drinking alcohol.

The Senior General asked about the requirements of the hospital and gave guidance on

upgrading the hospital administrative building and medical wards.

On Meiktila Lake's bund on the Yangon-Mandalay Highway,

the Senior General heard reports on damage to the bund in the Mandalay earthquake and the repairing process by officials. The Senior General inspected the maintenance of the Meiktila Lake and gave guidance to officials to systematically maintain the bund and pavement of the lake and arrange facilities for the people to take physical exercise on the bund.

On arrival at Meiktila District Stadium of the Meiktila District Department of Sports and Physical Education, the Senior General gave guidance that, as it is a district-level stadium, the government will allow repair of the stadium to be standardized. A plan will be allowed to upgrade the stadium built with the stands for the convenience of spectators, in conformity with the district-level facilities.

— MNA/TTA



The Senior General views the Meiktila District Stadium, which will be planned to upgrade it.



# Shan pineapples poised for China market entry

PINEAPPLES produced from Shan State are mainly distributed to the domestic market, and they are aimed at heading for the Chinese market.

Pineapples are commonly grown in Shan and Mon states, especially in southern Shan State (Hsihseng, Namsang, Mongkaing), covering about 6,000 acres and northern Shan State (Hsipaw, Tangyan, Lashio), with about 7,000 acres. Myanmar's pineapple production is estimated at 30,000-40,000 tonnes per year. The abundant harvest season is from July to September.

Pineapples of Hsipaw and Chinese Taipei origins are cultivated in the country. Cultivation cost is K4 million per acre. They can be harvested after one and a half years of cultivation, for the next five to seven years.

Traders even went down to the farm to buy the pineapples in early July, which is the beginning of the season. They are supplied to Mandalay and Yangon markets.

A company, a coordination mechanism for the growers

from northern Shan State, is endeavouring to export pineapples to China through border trade channels. That company has already sought registration with the Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) in 2024.

The Agriculture Department's Plant Protection Division notified companies to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) and seek registration with the Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) by 28 February 2025 for legitimate pineapple exportation.

According to the Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Protocol between Myanmar and China, inspection procedures are undertaken yearly to verify compliance with the standards.

The General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) announced on 11 November that Myanmar's pineapple will be allowed to be imported to China, following the Phytosanitary regulation.

Myanmar's pineapple is cultivated in northern and southern



This photo shows pineapples from Shan States.

Shan State. The harvest season is in June-September. Earlier, Myanmar's pineapple export to China was conducted via a green channel under a cross-border trade plan. Yet, China halted this trade route on 16 June 2019, affecting Myanmar's pineapple industry adversely.

Myanmar's exporters explored new markets in Thailand, Singapore and other countries. However, the market share is quite low. A series of negotia-

tions between Myanmar and China in the past years reaped a fruitful result, and Myanmar's pineapple is now allowed to be exported to China via sea trade.

According to GACC's notification, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation needs to forward the list of pineapple farms and processing factories to the Chinese side to seek approval from the GACC. The approved list will be disclosed on its website.

Myanmar's growers are required to strictly adhere to good agricultural practices and implement quality management, a tracking system for food security and integrated pest management measures. Packing fresh fruits includes washing fresh fruits with high-pressure spray and checking and removing debris to be free from insects, snails, invasive grass seeds, soil, crop residue, weeds and dirt. Infestation of the spiralling whitefly (*Aleurodicus dispersus*), grey pineapple mealybug (*Dysmicoccus neobrevipes*), Passionvine mealybug (*Planococcus minor*), Jack Beardsley mealybug (*Pseudococcus jackbeardsleyi*) and the fungal plant pathogen *Fusarium sacchari* are considered devastating pests. Therefore, Myanmar's relevant authorities are asked to check samples of not less than two per cent of export volume within the first two years of pineapple trade. Inspection of food samples will be reduced to one per cent if pests cannot be detected in two years. — NN/KK

## Myanmar ships over 55,000 tonnes of fish in Q1



Fishing vessels are seen in Myanmar waters.

MYANMAR exported over 55,900 metric tonnes of fish with an estimated value of US\$64.2 million in the first quarter of the current FY 2025-2026 beginning 1 April, according to the Department of Fisheries.

Myanmar exported

over \$44 million worth of 31,700 metric tonnes of fish by sea, while \$19.89 million valued over 24,200 metric tonnes of fish were sent to neighbouring countries at the borders. Myanmar's fish export reached over 61,300 metric tonnes in

the corresponding period of the previous financial year (2024-2025), generating over \$69.4 million. The export volume is down by over 5,450 tonnes of fish worth \$5.197 million compared to that of the same period last FY.

Myanmar bagged over \$421 million from about 400,000 tonnes of fish exports in the 2024-2025 FY (April-March), according to the Department of Fisheries.

Myanmar steadily exports seafood to 40 countries, including China, Thailand, Bangladesh and Japan through maritime and border trade channels.

More than 20 fish species, including hilsa, rohu, catfish, and seabass, are conveyed to foreign markets, according to the Myanmar Fisheries Federation.

There are over 140 cold-storage seafood processing factories in Myanmar. The Department of Fisheries processes a licence renewal yearly. — NN/KK

## MyanTrade, ROK hold talks on rice noodle production

DIRECTOR General of Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization (MyanTrade) and officials concerned met with a body of delegates from Global Issue Forum of the Republic of Korea at meeting hall of the Myantrade on 8 July regarding the rice noodle production and utilization of fresh and dried noodle making machines with Korean technology, in the presence of Myanmar Economic Attache (Seoul) and President of Myanmar Rice Federation and members.

Rice noodle making machines were introduced at the meeting, focusing on high production efficiency, low loss, easy operation, and low labour force. About 25,000 packs can be produced within 40 minutes with Korean Technology.

MRF stated that there are fresh and dried rice noodle manufacturers with the use of Chinese Taipei and Thailand-made machines in Myanmar. The federation highlighted to notify business entities of rice noodle production with Korean technology and possible linkage via the Economic Attache the Korean Embassy for further activities. — NN/KK



# OPINION

## Carefully monitor the global population rate

WHILE it previously took more than a hundred years for the world population to grow by one billion, in today's era, advancements in medicine and healthcare, the development of modern technologies, and improvements in social living conditions along with changes in birth and death rates have gradually shortened the time it takes for the population to increase by another billion.

It took hundreds of thousands of years for the world population to grow to 1 billion, then in just another 200 years or so, it grew sevenfold. In 2011, the global population reached the 7 billion mark; it stands at almost 7.9 billion in 2021, and it's expected to grow to around 8.5 billion in 2030, 9.7 billion in 2050, and 10.9 billion in 2100.

The sharp rise in global population has been largely driven by more people living long enough to reach reproductive age.

As the global population continues to grow, humanity is increasingly facing challenges such as food insecurity, water scarcity, climate disruptions, the spread of infectious diseases, and natural disasters like floods, storms, and cyclones. In addition, people are also confronted with rising inequality, growing poverty, and widening disparities in living standards and social classes. These issues are particularly prevalent in developing and underdeveloped countries, where such problems tend to occur more frequently and intensely.

While global fertility rates are declining, sparking concerns about a potential "population collapse," the real issue, according to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)'s State of World Population report, is the lack of reproductive autonomy. Many individuals, especially young people, are unable to have children when and how they want.

World Population Day 2025 draws attention to this issue, focusing on the largest generation of young people in history. Under the theme "Empowering young people to create the families they want in a fair and hopeful world," the day calls for action to ensure youth have the rights, resources, and opportunities to shape their futures.

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Regarding population-related issues, many developed countries are facing challenges such as declining birth rates, resulting in fewer children being born, labour shortages, and an increasing elderly population. On the other hand, some developing and underdeveloped countries are grappling with high birth rates, low levels of education, high unemployment, and a growing number of people living in poverty.

IN June, this author wrote a column titled "Empty Chambers, Empty Words".

It seems it's in the DNA of the mighty powers that sit atop the Ivory Tower in New York.

The great envoy was not the only one who spoke to the empty chamber when the speech was given in New York. Her supremo recently attended a conference in Saville, Spain, that some Western outlets have described as "empty chairs, missing leaders"!

It was a once-in-a-decade finance conference in Seville. A nice junket for the Supremo and cronies!!!

If there were any sign of relevance to the Supremo, the conference should be at capacity, considering it is held once every ten years.

An article in one highly reputable news outlet said it all. It said in a blistering heat, empty chairs mar the flagship development event. The article also said "empty

# Parliament of Misconduct

By Kyaw Myint Htoon (Paris)

chairs, missing leaders". Only one G7 leader attended. Even some usual suspects from the Global South, for whom event such as this is a "must-attend", skipped. Both the Supremo and Deputy attended. Some insiders said no. 1 and 2 are not supposed to travel together. All that doesn't matter anymore. A year and a chain left in the term, and who cares! It would be good to see how these Self-Absorbed People (SAPs) in the Ivory Tower spin it to claim victory. But, aren't they supposed to be facing an unprecedented financial crisis? Nothing has changed after all! Let's hope the big Uncle is taking note.

These people are in deep denial and oblivious to the reality of the current-day politics. There is a recent article that laid out extensive perks these officials receive amid the budget crisis. People around the world are suffering. The clock is ever closer to midnight. These SAPs live large and live well!

Let's call them out for their failures. In Haiti, criminal gangs have exerted "near-total control" over the capital. Wait! Not long ago, didn't these SAPs just come up with such a brilliant idea to deploy military forces from another faraway country? Note also that these SAPs have been on the ground in Haiti for decades.

They will be speaking to an empty Chamber in late September. The great Envoy is busy preparing for a day talkfest related to Myanmar. Doesn't matter the empty

chamber! Usually in New York, the third week of September is when who's who from the whole world is in town. But end of September? No one's there! Financial crisis or not, let's plough ahead with the conference on Myanmar anyway! Events like this are an opportunity for nice junkets. Justification for the contract. The minor league University down South doesn't have the budget to cover fancy travels and accommodations. While travelling on official dime, let's mix up with private business.

To resolve any conflict, all sides need to be at the table, especially the most important player. If there is any intelligence

with these SAPs, this is how the end-of-September talkfest would be organized. But in this case, the main actor is ignored - neither invited nor views solicited!

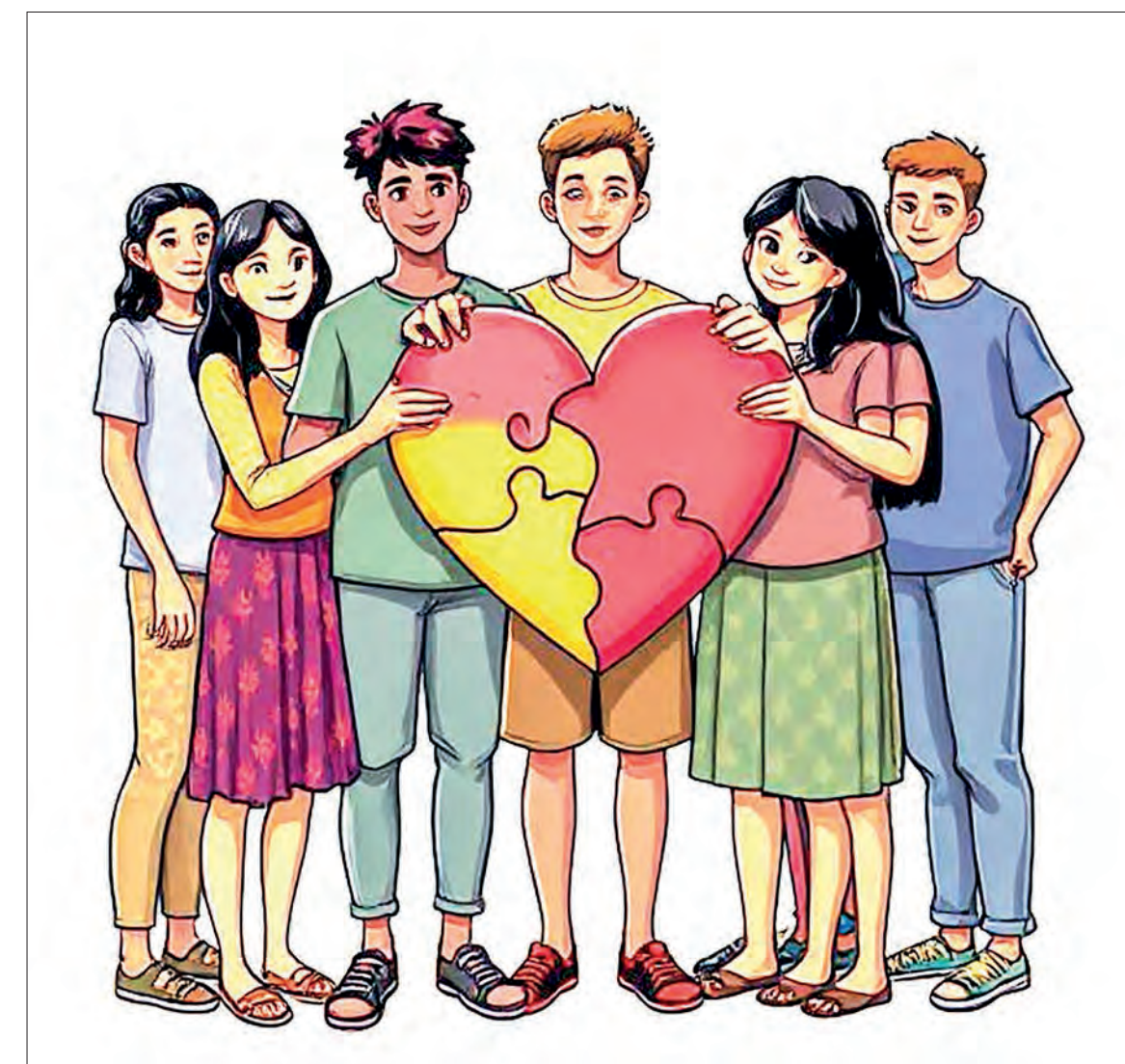
They continue to organize empty conferences. Make speeches to empty chambers.

There is an expression in Myanmar for the people who do not have much up there in their heads. They are called... brain! No shortage of these types in the Ivory Towers in New York and Geneva!

(The views and opinions expressed in this article are those of the author.)

## The Lingering Echoes of Pain: How Early Wounds Shape a Lifetime

By Khin Maung Myint



EMOTIONAL pain, once felt, rarely disappears. Trauma, especially in childhood or youth, sinks deep into the psyche, shaping how people think, feel, and act. Even when memories dim, the emotional weight remains, flaring up as sudden anger, fear, or despair that feels out of place but is rooted in long-forgotten wounds.

The early years are crucial. When children grow up in fear, neglect, or violence, their emotional systems learn to survive, not thrive. These survival habits can harden into lifelong patterns, quietly steering relationships, choices, and self-worth. Without awareness, the past becomes an invisible puppeteer.

Nowhere is this more urgent than in Myanmar. A generation of young people has been shaped not by peace but by the trauma of an unnecessary war. They carry invisible scars of lost safety, broken trust, and interrupted futures. These wounds may not bleed, but they fester silently, threatening to poison the nation's future.

To rebuild a country while

ignoring the emotional damage to its people is like planting new crops in scorched earth. You may see green shoots, but the soil remains wounded, dry, brittle, and unable to nourish real growth.

True national healing cannot come through infrastructure alone. Roads and buildings can be repaired. Minds and hearts take longer, but matter more. Myanmar's future cannot rise on broken hearts and buried pain. A nation rebuilt with bricks but not with care for its wounded minds is a nation standing on a fault line.

The young, who should be dreaming, learning, and building, are instead carrying the weight of a war they never chose. If their inner world is left in ruins, no outer structure will stand for long. We must stop pretending that survival is enough. These young souls deserve more than endurance – they deserve healing, dignity, and a voice. If we truly want a free and lasting Myanmar, we must begin not just with laws or roads, but with the quiet, patient work of restoring the human spirit. Anything less is betrayal dressed as progress.

## In the Quiet Grain of Pine

@Editor

He rose each dawn with duty in his stride,  
A servant of the state, steadfast with pride.  
Behind a desk or in the field, he stood,  
Upholding the law with quiet strength and good.

Rewarded not with riches, but with grace –  
A place at Shwewahchaing, a well-earned space.  
Yet greater still, the gifts he left to me:  
A life of order, calm, and dignity.

He showed me how to wash my plate with care,  
And scrub my clothes with the weekend's measured air.  
Not just in chores, but in the life he led,  
A father's wisdom gently, deeply spread.

He read the world within a pinewood box,  
Its corners are worn like time-smoothed travel rocks.  
And now those books, like echoes, remain.  
The weight of love is in every page and grain.

I walked his path, though far, while he stayed true.  
And when he left, I never said adieu.  
For I was in Bangkok, too far to embrace  
The man who shaped my steps, my mind, my grace.

O Father, if I failed to say enough,  
Know still my heart is built of all your stuff.  
And in the quiet grain of pine, I see  
The man you were and still remain in me.





# NATIONAL

## Daily seafood flow hits 500,000 tonnes at Yangon markets

MYANMAR Fisheries Federation stated that about 500,000 tonnes of freshwater and saltwater fish and seafood steadily flow into the Yangon market daily starting from July.

The fish spawning season ended, so the Myanmar sea is open to fishing. With commercial fishing resuming, fifty per cent of seafood is distributed to domestic markets and the remaining is stored in cold storage facilities designated for exports.

Kyimyindine’s Sanpya Fish Market and Shwepadauk Fish Market in Hlaing Township are the seafood hub that handles a daily supply of about 500,000 tonnes of seafood, with which freshwater to saltwater fish ratio is 3:1.

“Seafood businesses are thriving this year. Seafood supply meets the satisfaction of both consumers and sellers. Fish stored in cold storage were sold in the market in the previous fishing off-season,” said a trader involved in Sanpya Fish Market.



This picture shows Kyimyindine and Hlaing fish markets with bustling trade activities.

Year-round fishing might lead to damage to aquaculture resources. Consequently, the department concerned put a three-month halt to the off-shore fishing season in the Myanmar Sea from May to July. This year, authorities shut down fishing operations for only two months. Over 20 types of saltwater fish, including Hilsa, Tongue Sole, Pomfret, tiger prawn, squid, eel and grouper, were stored in cold storage facilities through Yangon Port for continuous supply during the fishing ban season, catering to local demand and maintaining year-round seafood availability with the new fishing policy.

Myanmar’s offshore fishing is carried out in the sea territories of Ayeyawady, Rakhine and Taninthayi, and then, seafood and saltwater fish are supplied to Yangon’s major fish distribution hub. — ASH/KK



This photo features Academy Wah Wah Win Shwe donating Waso robes and cash offering to the Shwe Linyon Sayadaw and members of the Sangha at her residence.

## Actress’s family donates Waso robes and cash for Kaba Aye Pagoda

ACADEMY Wah Wah Win Shwe’s family donated Waso robes and a cash offering to the Shwe Linyon Sayadaw and members of the Sangha on 8 July at their home. The donation also included a contribution towards the construction of the Kaba Aye Pagoda, which is planned for the 38<sup>th</sup> mile of the Yangon–Mandalay Expressway.

“On the day before the full moon of Waso, we offered Waso robes to the venerable Shwe Linyon Sayadaw and five monks at home, along with a donation of K500,000. Additionally, we contributed K1 million towards funds for the Kaba Aye Pagoda to be built at the 38<sup>th</sup> mile of the expressway,” said Academy Wah Wah Win Shwe. — ASH/MKKS

## Judson bar to stage ‘Under the Sky in the Rain’ concert

SINGERS Pu Sue and L Seng Zi will hold a music concert titled ‘Under the Sky in the Rain’ at Judson Entertainment Bar in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon Region, according to singer Pu Sue.



Singers Pu Sue and L Seng Zi.

“We’ve organized this event to bring back childhood memories of listening to music during the rainy season. The show will feature live performances by the Judson Band, Judson’s powerful in-house vocalists, DJs, and dancers bringing modern beats to the stage. We’ll be performing live and giving it our all. Please come and enjoy the show!” said Pu Sue.

The concert, part of the Monsoon Pop Night Show, will take place at Judson Entertainment Bar on 12 July, starting at 6 pm, backed by the Judson Band. — ASH/MKKS

## ‘18 Years Collections’ art exhibition to open on 12 July

AN art exhibition titled ‘18 Years Collections’ will be held from 12 to 20 July at the Myanmar Ahla Gallery in Kyauktada Township, Yangon Region, according to one of the event organizers.

The exhibition will showcase selected paintings from a private collector who has spent the past 18 years curating artworks from both classic and contemporary periods. The pieces on display have been carefully evaluated and selected in collaboration with professional artists to ensure quality and authenticity.

“The goal is to create a trustworthy space at Myanmar Ahla Gallery where art lovers



An invite poster for the exhibition.

can confidently purchase and collect quality works. Paintings from the collector’s 18-year archive, covering various artistic styles and generations, will be featured during the exhibition,” said the organizer.

A total of around 70 artworks by renowned painters will be on display and available for purchase throughout the exhibition period. — ASH/KZL

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# Bilin Hospital delivers conjoined twins by Caesarean Section

TWO Siamese twins were successfully delivered at the Bilin General Hospital.

Siamese twins, two females, were successfully born in the Bilin General Hospital in Mon state, according to the hospital.

The twins were born at 9:42 pm on 9 July through a caesarean section headed by township medical officer Dr Myo Min and nurses.

“It is a great honour for the surgical team to have delivered this baby in a small, rural hospital with only one medical doctor. Naw Chaw Gei, the mother

who lived in Paingdawal village, Bilin Township, delivered conjoined twins in her fifth pregnancy,” the hospital said.

Just as conjoined twins were successfully delivered at Bilin Hospital, there have been instances of successful births and separations of conjoined twins, including the famous conjoined twins Aye Aye Nyein and Ei Ei Nyein in Myanmar.

“We are happy to announce that both mother and the two babies are in good health”, the hospital posted on their social media page. — Htet Oo Maung/ ZN



This image reveals two Siamese twins successfully delivered at the Bilin General Hospital.

# French Embassy envoy meets six Myanmar scholarship winners

MR Rene Consolo, Charge d’Affaires of the French Embassy in Yangon, met six Myanmar students who won the French government’s scholarship for the 2025-2026 academic year.

He honoured the Myanmar students, of them, four will study a Bachelor’s Degree or Master’s Degree course in France, and two will study the French language, the embassy said on 10 July.

Through Campus France Myanmar, the French Embassy offers about 10 scholarship projects for ambitious Myanmar students every year.

He sent best wishes to the scholarship winners, wishing them happiness in France and success in their studies. — MT/ZS



Mr Rene Consolo met six Myanmar students.

# Births abroad must be registered within one year

THE Myanmar Embassy in Japan has announced that birth registration for children born to parents outside Myanmar must first be applied for through the embassy within a year, as per the Myanmar citizenship procedures.

Providing legal and administrative assistance to Myanmar nationals living and working in Japan, the embassy stated that for this application, both parents must be citizens of Myanmar holding a Citizenship Scrutiny Card, and if they are holding old cards, they must first be changed. A child’s passport application can be processed only after the birth registration at the Immigration and Population Department through the embassy.

Requirements for the registration include birth outside the country (Form 8), personal data (both parents and child) and copies of passports, national identity cards, marriage certificate, family list issued by the township office in Japan, resident cards and a notarized public of birth certificate. Data form for the child at the embassy website must be completed and submitted with particulars, one colour photo each, and passport, IDs and household register copies.

Fees are 6000 yen for new passports and 3000 yen for endorsement. Applicants must submit original bank chalang and further information as requested by the embassy, it stated. — MT/ZN

# MGMA invites sample entries for Apparel Sourcing Paris

THE Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) has invited applications for product samples to be displayed at the Apparel Sourcing Paris exhibition in Paris, France.

MGMA said that the Myanmar pavilion will join the event, which will take place in Paris from 15 to 17 September, organized by Messe Frankfurt.

As a business entity, MGMA will boost the Myanmar garment industry and also promote products of its member companies through its booths. MGMA has urged local garment makers to join the event, and each company is eligible to exhibit at least 2 to 5 product samples.

Product samples will be conveyed by DHL Express, and delivery charges need to be paid to MGMA. If there are so many applications, about 4 product samples per factory will be allowed.

It is Europe’s top trade source exhibition which can bring a wide range of opportunities for making and exporting knitwear, casual wear, sportswear, outerwear and corporate wear.

Including this time, MGMA has participated in the Apparel Sourcing Paris for five years. The deadline for applications is 25 July, and for product samples is 7 August. For more information, enquiries can be made in person at the MGMA office or 09 758451158. — MT/ZS



Images of Apparel Sourcing Paris.



# NATIONAL

## Monks and locals receive healthcare in Myitkyina and Thanlyin

A mobile medical team from the Northern Command provided healthcare services to 80 members of the Sangha on the morning of 10 July in Myitkyina Township.

The team visited a monastic school and conducted medical checkups for general illness, bone and joint conditions, neurological issues and surgical needs. Electrocardiogram (ECG) tests were performed, and X-ray diagnostics were conducted to identify further treatment requirements. Monks in need of advanced care were referred to military hospitals for continued treatment.

Similarly, a mobile team from the Yangon Command conducted medical outreach at Dhammayon Hall in Kalawe Village in Thanlyin Town-



Healthcare services are underway for monks.

ship, Yangon Region. Healthcare was provided to five monks and 139 locals from surrounding villages. The services included treatment for orthopaedic conditions, paediatric illnesses, eye and ENT diseases, dental issues, general ailments and obstet-

ric and gynaecological care. Officials from both regional commands observed the activities and ensured logistical support and coordination were in place for effective service delivery. — MNA/KZL

## Commander offers support to patients at Tatmadaw hospital in Shan State (South)



Eastern Command Commander Maj-Gen Zaw Min Latt provides support to Tatmadaw patients.

COMMANDER of the Eastern Command Maj-Gen Zaw Min Latt, accompanied by responsible officials, visited Tatmadaw personnel, police officers, members of the People's Militia (local), and civilians currently receiving medical treatment yesterday at the Tatmadaw hospital in Bahtoo, southern Shan State.

During the visit, the commander inquired about the patients' conditions, treatments being administered, and progress in recovery. He offered words of encouragement and presented nutritional support items and honoraria to the patients.

Afterwards, the commander and officials also provided financial support to the hospital staff and inspected hospital facilities, coordinating necessary improvements where required. — MNA/KZL

## Illegal border entry by Chinese, Pakistanis uncovered in Myawady

TWO foreign nationals, one from China and another from Pakistan, who had illegally entered Myanmar via neighbouring countries, including Thailand, were recently apprehended in the KK Park area near Myawady in Kayin State, according to authorities.

These individuals reportedly entered Myanmar through border routes and were involved in illicit activities such as online gambling, cyber scams, and oth-

er crimes. Security teams were able to identify and detain them during further inspection operations carried out today.

The relevant interdepartmental task forces are now processing the necessary documentation and personal records to facilitate the repatriation of the two nationals to their respective home countries as swiftly as possible. Officials oversaw the verification process and addressed any immediate needs on site.

Between 30 January and 10 July 2025, Myanmar authorities successfully apprehended a total of 9,224 foreigners who had entered the country illegally. Of these, 9,009 individuals were repatriated systematically to their countries via Thailand as per legal procedures, while the remaining 215 are currently being prepared for transfer. These individuals are being held in proper custody pending deportation.

The State continues its



Immigration process underway for the deportation of foreign undocumented entrants.

crackdown on those involved in online scam centres and is taking firm action against foreign nationals operating behind the scenes. Simultaneously, the government is actively cooper-

ating with relevant countries to expedite the return of foreigners who have fallen victim to human trafficking or are otherwise in distress, according to official sources. — MNA/KZL

### Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Thursday 10 July 2025)

**BAY INFERENCE:** Monsoon is moderate to strong over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 11 JULY 2025:** Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Mandalay, Magway, and Lower Sagaing Regions and Kayah State, fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Ayeyawady Region and Kayin, Mon States. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

**THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD:** The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Naypyitaw, Yangon, Bago, Magway, Ayeyawady, and Taninthayi Regions and Kayin, Mon, and southern Shan States. The area along the cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance of these phenomena.

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach 25-30 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 8-11 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Likelihood of increase of rain in Bago Region and Kayin, Mon, Rakhine, and Shan States.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11 JULY 2025:** Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11 JULY 2025:** One or two times of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11 JULY 2025:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH



China-Vietnam freight train cargo volume sees sharp growth in H1

IN the first half (H1) of 2025, freight trains departing from south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region heading to Vietnam, transported a total of 18,870 TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units) of export goods, marking a year-on-year surge of 283 per cent, according to the China Railway Nanning Group.

Staff with the Nanning Railway Logistics Center of China Railway Nanning Group said that during this period, outbound shipments of auto parts and fibreboard carried by these

China-Vietnam freight trains from Guangxi had reached 2,528 TEUs and 4,580 TEUs, respectively, representing respective year-on-year growth of 100 per cent and 398 per cent.

Notably, auto parts and motorcycle parts from provinces such as Jiangsu in east China and Guangdong in south China, are transported by rail to Nanning International Railway Port before being shipped to Vietnam via China-Vietnam freight trains, thereby forming a new growth point for transport.

This year, the frequency of scheduled China-Vietnam freight trains has increased from five trips per week to 14, providing more transport options for China's goods exports. Currently, the fastest end-to-end transit time for China-Vietnam trains from Nanning, capital of Guangxi, to Yen Vien in Vietnam is only 14 hours. — Xinhua

Containers are loaded onto a China-Vietnam freight train at Nanning International Railway Port in Nanning, capital of South China's Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region. PHOTO: XINHUA



Singapore unveils grant to help firms weather tariff challenges

SINGAPORE will launch a new Business Adaptation Grant by October to help eligible enterprises adjust to the evolving tariff landscape, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry Gan Kim Yong announced Thursday.

The grant, available for a time-bound period of two years, will support enterprises that export to or operate in overseas markets and are affected by tariff measures. It will fund services such as free trade agreement and trade compliance advisory, legal and contractual guidance,



This photo taken on 13 August 2024 shows the business district at Singapore's Marina Bay. PHOTO: THEN CHIH WEY/XINHUA

S Korea's tax revenue rises in Jan-May

as well as supply chain optimization and market diversification.

Enterprises with manufacturing operations, whether abroad or within Singapore, may also receive support for reconfiguration costs, including logistics and inventory holding expenses.

The initiative was announced at a press conference on the latest progress of the Singapore Economic Resilience Taskforce, a body established in April to help businesses and workers navigate the uncertainties arising from US tariffs. — Xinhua

SOUTH Korea's tax revenue rose for the first five months of this year on higher corporate and income taxes, government data showed Thursday.

Tax revenue ran to 172.3 trillion won (US\$125.6 billion) in the cited period, up 21.3 trillion won (\$15.5 billion) compared to the same period of last year, according to the Ministry of Economy and Finance. Aggregate revenue, including tax and non-tax revenue, totalled 279.8 trillion won (\$204.0 billion) during the cited period, up 21.6 trillion won (\$15.8 billion) from a year earlier. — Xinhua

World Expo water shows to resume after sanitizing legionella bacteria

WATER shows at the World Exposition in Osaka will resume on Friday, after a monthlong suspension due to the detection of high levels of legionella bacteria in the venue's seawater.

Expo organizers said Thursday they have decided to restart the shows after taking measures to improve water quality including sanitization. Fol-

lowing an examination, the level of legionella in water from the Water Plaza, a large seawater reservoir, was confirmed to be below the allowable limit under their guidelines. According to the organizers, steps taken included adding chlorine to sanitize the water and increasing circulation of seawater by running eight pumps around the area. — Kyodo

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ROLLING UPDATES  
WORLD

EU’s von der Leyen survives  
confidence vote by large margin



EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen. PHOTO: AFP

*Ursula von der Leyen survived the vote by a significant margin, with 360 Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) rejecting the motion, 175 supporting it, and 18 abstaining.*

THE European Parliament on Thursday voted down a no-confidence motion against EU chief Ursula von der Leyen, initiated by the far right over her handling of Covid vaccine contracts. Among those voting against the commission was also a Luxembourg MEP.

The president of the European Commission comfortably

survived the vote by a wide margin, with 360 MEPs rejecting it and 175 backing the move. 18 MEPs abstained.

Amongst those voting to oust von der Leyen were Luxembourg’s Fernand Kartheiser alongside 39 MEPs from the European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR), 75 from the Patriots for Europe (PfE),

24 from the European Sovereignists (ESN), 22 non-attached members, and 13 from the European Left.

In a moment of global volatility and unpredictability, the EU needs strength, vision, and the capacity to act,” von der Leyen, who wasn’t at the parliament for the vote, wrote on X afterwards. — AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

85 killed, 34 missing in north India’s monsoon havoc

AT least 85 people were killed and 34 others reported missing, besides 129 injured in the monsoon rains during the past 20 days in the northern Indian state of Himachal Pradesh, officials said Thursday.

The State Emergency Operations Centre (SEOC) confirmed widespread damage to houses, livestock shelters, government buildings, roads, water supply and power lines in the state due to monsoon fury.

Rescue teams are searching for missing people as survivors struggle with ongoing outages.

According to the SEOC report, the cumulative damage to the infrastructure during this period has been estimated at US\$86.2 million. — Xinhua

Hamas agrees to release 10 hostages during Gaza peace talks

HAMAS said on Wednesday night that it has agreed to release 10 hostages, while noting that the ongoing Gaza peace talks with Israel still face “difficulty”.

Hamas said in an official statement that it “has shown the necessary flexibility” and agreed to release 10 hostages, in a bid to ensure the success of the ongoing efforts.

Key points remain under negotiation, and foremost among them are the flow of aid, the withdrawal of the Israeli army from the Gaza Strip, and the provision of real guarantees for a permanent ceasefire, the statement said. — Xinhua

Ten rescued, more missing after deadly Huthi ship sinking

TEN people have been rescued after Yemen’s Huthis sank a cargo ship, an EU naval force said Thursday, with three killed and 12 missing in one of the rebel group’s deadliest Red Sea attacks.

Three Filipino crew and a Greek member of the Eternity C ship’s onboard security team were plucked from the sea overnight, “bringing the total number of those rescued to 10”, the European Union’s Operation Aspides force posted on X.

On Wednesday, the Iran-backed Huthis said they had “rescued” an unspecified number of the Eternity C’s crew

A handout picture from Huthi media showing damage from the group’s attack on the Eternity C, before the ship later sank.  
PHOTO: ANSARULLAH MEDIA CENTRE/AFP



and taken them to a safe location. The US embassy for Yemen accused the rebels of kidnapping the survivors.

The deadly attack was the second such assault on a commercial vessel in recent days, marking a serious escalation in a key waterway and threatening a May truce with the United States meant to safeguard freedom of navigation in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.

The Huthis also released a propaganda video showing the Liberian-flagged bulk carrier being attacked and sunk — the second sinking of a cargo ship in quick succession, after they scuttled the Magic Seas on Sunday.

A total of 25 people were onboard the Liberian-flagged Eternity C, according to Aspides, the EU’s naval task force patrolling the Red Sea. — AFP

Iran’s nuclear programme impossible to end by military means – IAEA Chief

IT is impossible to end Iran’s nuclear program by military means, IAEA Director-General Rafael Grossi said in an interview with the Polish newspaper out on Wednesday.

Grossi described Iran as a big country with a

sizable economy, and a significant industrial potential and technical capabilities. None of these factors can be canceled by military means. The IAEA chief noted that the international community would consequently never resolve the nuclear issue

through force.

The one and only solution is an agreement that will cover all key issues but, above all, will include a very strict verification system, the IAEA head said. — SPUTNIK



SPORTS

Myanmar paddlers depart for 2025 Singapore Sprint Cup

A TEAM of canoe and kayak athletes from the Myanmar Rowing and Canoeing Federation left Yangon International Airport yesterday morning to take part in the 2025 Singapore Sprint Cup, which is scheduled to take place in Singapore on 12 and 13 July.

The team was seen off by U Thaung Htike Min, Presi-

dent of the Myanmar Rowing and Canoeing Federation and the Myanmar Swimming Federation, along with secretaries and officials from the respective federations.

Manager Dr Kyaw Ye Hein led the Myanmar team, which comprises 11 members, including officials, coaches and athletes.



The Myanmar team is seen before the departure for Singapore.

According to the federation, athletes from Singapore, Myanmar, Chinese Taipei, Malaysia and Australia will compete in the two-day sprint competition. — Arkar Linn/KZL

Futsal Champion Cup 2025 group matches kick off

THE group stage of the Futsal Champion Cup 2025 began on 10 July at the Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) Futsal Stadium in Thuwunna, Yangon. On the opening day, current champions MIU, along with JZ Yangon and 7 Brothers teams, secured victories.

JZ Yangon defeated 7 Dragon with a score of 3-2, while MIU thrashed ULAD 4-0. The 7 Brothers team won against Pacific Sun Far 5-2. Meanwhile, VUC and Pyae Gyi teams played to a 4-4 draw.

The group stage will continue until 17 July, with a total of 28 teams competing. These teams are divided into seven groups. Group A consists of VUC, JZ Yangon, 7 Dragon, and Pyae Gyi. Group B includes MIU, Pacific Sun Far, 7 Brothers and ULAD.

Group C features YRG, United City, Pyae Sone, and Hanthawady. Group D is made up of YCDC, MH Dream Team, SGF, KKY and Water King. Group E includes Winner Generations, Gold Dream, Ruby Volcanose and Kyaung Sayar Tharhtwe.

Group F consists of G-UPT, TG United, Shwe Pyi Thar United and Taw Win Nan. Meanwhile, Group G has M2K, Futsal Lovers, Maryar Noka, and Mali Kyal Sin competing.

— Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



7 Brothers are competing against Pacific Sun Far during the group stage matches. PHOTO: MFF

Arsenal sign midfielder Norgaard from Brentford

CHRISTIAN Norgaard said a childhood dream of appearing in the Champions League had come true after signing for Arsenal from Brentford on Thursday.

The 31-year-old Danish midfielder has joined for a reported initial £10 million (\$14 million) fee plus a further £2 million in add-ons, according to The Athletic. Norgaard scored 13 times in 196 appearances for the Bees and was crucial to establishing Brentford as a Premier League club over the past four seasons.

"You can get almost emotional because maybe it was a dream that I've given a little bit up on coming towards the later stage in my career," said Norgaard.

"I've just turned 31 and had signed a new deal with Brentford. Of course, there's always a little chance that a miracle could happen with Brentford, but it was probably unrealistic to play Champions League with them. — AFP

'Monster' Inoue to face Akhmadaliev in Japan

JAPAN'S undisputed super-bantamweight world champion Naoya Inoue announced Thursday that he will defend his titles against Uzbekistan's Murodjon Akhmadaliev in Nagoya in September.

The unbeaten Inoue stopped American Ramon Cardenas in the eighth round in Las Vegas in his previous bout — the first time the boxer known as "Monster" had fought outside Japan in four years.

The 32-year-old returns to his home country to take on Akhmadaliev, who won a bronze medal at the 2016 Rio Olympics and held the WBA and IBF super-bantamweight world titles between 2020 and 2023.

Inoue, who has a 30-0 record with 27 knockouts, told reporters in Tokyo that he wanted to "pay attention to all my skills" in preparing for the fight.

"I want to train with a high level of vigilance," he said.

Inoue was knocked down for only the second time in his career against Cardenas, taking a left hook from the heavy underdog in the second round.

He climbed off the canvas to stop Cardenas 45 seconds into the eighth round after a flurry of powerhouse punches.

It was Inoue's fourth title defence since becoming undisputed super-bantamweight champion and his second of the year after knocking out South Korea's Kim Ye-joon in the fourth round in Tokyo in January.

Akhmadaliev (14-1, 11 KOs) beat Mexico's Luis Castillo in his previous fight in May. — AFP



Japan's undisputed super-bantamweight world champion Naoya Inoue will defend his titles against Uzbekistan's Murodjon Akhmadaliev in September. PHOTO: AFP





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## French company VINCI selected to operate Cambodia's new capital airport



Techo International Airport International Diplomatic Tour on 3 May 2024. PHOTO: CAMBODIA INVESTMENT REVIEW/FILE

*The airport is situated on a 2,600-hectare site in southern Kandal and Takeo provinces, approximately 20 kilometres from Phnom Penh. Construction of the airport began in 2020.*

CAMBODIA Airport Investment Co, Ltd (CAIC) has selected Cambodia Airports, a subsidiary of French company VINCI, to operate Phnom Penh's Techo International Airport (TIA), the CAIC said in a press release on Thursday.

The agreement was signed by Pung Kheav Se, chairman of CAIC, and Nicolas Notebaert, president of VINCI Airports,

the press release said.

"By appointing VINCI to operate key airport services, we reaffirm our commitment to enhancing Cambodia's infrastructure with projects that meet international standards," said Pung Kheav Se.

"Our vision is to continue developing TIA over the decades ahead to support Cambodia's economic growth and region-

al connectivity," he added.

VINCI began its airport operations in Cambodia in 1995 and is the current operator of Phnom Penh International Airport.

According to the press release, the TIA will be open to official operation on 9 September 2025.

The TIA is located in an area of 2,600

hectares in southern Kandal and Takeo provinces, about 20 kilometres from the capital Phnom Penh. Work on the airport project began in 2020.

The TIA is classified as a 4F-level airport, the highest level in the world. It will be capable of handling approximately 13 million passengers a year in the first phase. — Xinhua

## OPEC seminar focuses on energy transition, calls for stronger global cooperation



Saudi Energy Minister Abdulaziz bin Salman Al Saud delivers a speech at the opening ceremony of the 9th OPEC International Seminar in Vienna, Austria, on 9 July 2025.

PHOTO: HE CANLING/XINHUA

THE 9th OPEC International Seminar opened here on Wednesday, bringing together global energy leaders to discuss key issues including energy transitions, market stability, energy security, investment, technology, and innovation.

Under the theme "Charting Pathways Together: The

Future of Global Energy", the two-day event features exhibitions, ministerial sessions, and high-level roundtables aimed at exploring energy security and cooperation across the energy sector.

OPEC Secretary-General Haitham Al Ghais said at the opening ceremony that 2025 holds special significance for OPEC, marking its 65th anniversary and the 60th anniversary of its Vienna headquarters. How to reduce carbon emissions while achieving energy security, improving energy accessibility and reducing global energy poverty is a key topic of the seminar, he added.

Meanwhile, Saudi Energy Minister Abdulaziz bin Salman Al Saud highlighted that energy transition is not a threat, but an opportunity to drive innovation, investment and economic development.

In a video address, Mohsen Paknejad, president of the OPEC Conference for 2025, urged countries to commit to peace and cooperation to ensure secure and sustainable energy supplies.

During the seminar, the organization will launch the 19th edition of the World Oil Outlook, one of its flagship publications that provides in-depth review and analysis of the global oil and energy industries and offers assessments of various scenarios in the medium- and long-term development. — Xinhua

### THE PEACE PROCESS

#### Armenia, Azerbaijan to meet for peace talks in UAE Thursday

THE leaders of Armenia and Azerbaijan will meet on Thursday in the United Arab Emirates for peace talks, two days after the US expressed hope for a swift deal.

Baku and Yerevan fought two wars over the disputed Karabakh region, which Azerbaijan recaptured from Armenian forces in a lightning offensive in 2023, prompting the exodus of more than 100,000 ethnic Armenians.

The arch foes agreed on the text of a comprehensive peace deal in March, but Baku has since outlined a host of demands — including amendments to Armenia's constitution to drop its territorial claims for the Karabakh — before signing the document. — AFP